



Rex Clayton Grantham DDS

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Rex Clayton Grantham passed from this world on September 29, 2018 at his home in Longview, Texas. Funeral services will be at the chapel of Rader Funeral Home, Longview, on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 2pm with Pastor Billy Teague officiating followed by interment at Rosewood Park. Visitation will be Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 5pm-7pm at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. Rex was born in Gladewater, Texas on March 29, 1938 to parents L. C. and Erma Grantham, who both preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Martha, and children, Scott, Dana, and Steven and his wife Ann. He leaves behind grandchildren, Avery, Emerson, Dustin, and Holly. He is also survived by brother Lex and his wife Lynn and sister Glenda and their children, Peter and his wife Tammy, Todd and his wife Mary, Derek and his wife Jennifer, and Bret. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Robert Turner and his wife Cindy, and sisters-in-laws, Shirley Sennett and Sharon Shaver and their children, Jimmy King, Leslie Russell and her husband Boone, Michael Shaver and his wife Laurie, and Robin Shaver.

Upon graduation from Gladewater High School, Rex went on to graduate from North Texas State and, later, Baylor School of Dentistry. At North Texas he met Martha and the two wed on August 15, 1959. Rex worked tirelessly at any job, no matter how small to pay for his education. He and Martha lived in Dallas and while she taught school he attended Baylor, working on weekends and school breaks. In 1964 Rex achieved his goal of becoming a dentist. He practiced for a year in Dallas with Dr. William Galt, and the couple welcomed son Scott. Then in 1965 Rex built his own office on Pine Tree Road in Longview where he practiced for over 40 years. Children Dana and Steven completed their family.

Rex was a lifetime member of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. Always seeking to better serve his patients, Rex attended numerous seminars and study groups. Testament to his skills and rapport with people, Rex had entire families as



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patients and office staff who stayed with him for many years until his retirement. After retirement Rex enjoyed short trips with Martha, fishing for catfish with his “other brother” Robert and rehashing Texas Ranger baseball with good friend Jim Roberts.

The family would like to thank Dr. Larry Frase, Dr. Rodney Sloan, and Alan Stansbery for his dedicated, loving care of Rex during his final months.



Events


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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, October 3, 2018

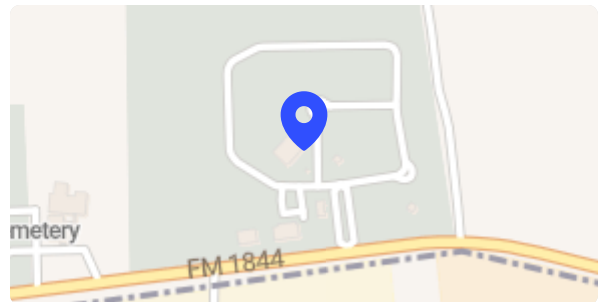
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

 **Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd, Longview TX 75601



Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





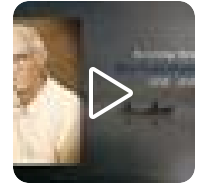
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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



October 3 at 10:17 AM



Daphne posted:

There may not be anyone around who can confirm this, but I feel certain Dr. Grantham was my botany lab instructor at North Texas in the fall of 1959. He assigned me the duty of carrying the snake bite kit on a field trip. I've never forgotten him for that. He was also a handsome young man. I left Denton after one semester, so I didn't know him when he was older. I'm sure he was well respected in his profession.

July 17 at 9:13 PM



James Grogan posted:

When I showed up at Baylor to take the Dental Aptitude Test, Rex was a Freshman & I had known him at NTSC. I saw him in the basement hallway, and when he saw me he was on his way to class but stopped for a moment and told me, "Jim, when you start to carve that chalk, don't cut it, you SCRAPE it. Just scrape it." He then walked on to class. Well, I did exactly what he said and carved out a perfect piece of chalk according to directions. The next time I saw Rex was as a freshman and he was a sophomore for the next class year. I never saw Rex again after he graduated. I'm happy he had a good family and a great career.c

July 9 at 6:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the Grantham family.



October 4 at 3:52 AM



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Ricky Ellis posted:

With the passing of such a great person it makes me reflect on the times he was a help to me and others that I knew. There were a few times as a young adult that I needed some dentistry and didn't have the money at the time for the procedure but that didn't bother Mr. Grantham he just said pay him when I could. This is a great example his character and the type of person he was. If it wasn't baseball that he was helping coach or support, it was helping friends of his son Steve with automobile repairs or tips on fishing. He will be missed but he will live on through the great memories of the person that he was. My prayer for the family is that they are comforted by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Sincerely Ricky Ellis

October 4 at 3:42 AM



Jeanette Lassen Miller posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Grantham family. Dr. Grantham will always have a special place in my heart. He was my children's first dentist. When my children were young and I was attending college to get my teacher certification, Dr. Grantham was a lifesaver. I crossed paths with him in the Pine Tree parking lot on my way to a pep rally. When he asked how I was, I told him I needed a job that fit my college schedule. He told me to go to his office and have Sandra work with me to get me a work schedule in his office that fit my college schedule. I worked as a Dental Assistant for him several years as I finished my degree. He was my dentist until he retired. I know your loss is great and you will miss him. May God wrap his loving arms around you and bring you peace. He was loved by many. Jeanette Lassen Miller

October 3 at 10:28 AM



Lisa Van Diemen October 5 at 10:59 AM

My thoughts and prayers are with you my friend ❤️



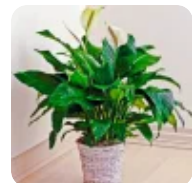
Randy And Lisa Warnix sent a Bountiful European Dish Garden to the Grantham family.



October 3 at 7:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Grantham family.



October 3 at 5:52 AM



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BJ

Beverly Jones posted:

My first dentist and no other like him. He was my family's dentist growing up and after I married he became the dentist for my own family. He was always so calm and reassuring and had a good joke to share. Seems he was always there when you needed him. On more than one occasion, he came to the office after hours to fix a tooth when the unexpected had happened. I was heartbroken when he retired and now heartbroken that he is no longer on this earth. He leaves us with many fond memories.

October 3 at 4:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - All White to the Grantham family.



October 3 at 3:06 AM



Anonymous sent a European Sympathy Dish Garden to the Grantham family.



October 3 at 2:56 AM

SH

Sue Hester posted:

Dr. Gratham was my first dentist. I will always remember his sweet voice and that million dollar smile that was always so comforting when he came into the room. I was always so anxious but when he would talk and smile that all went away. My family also went to him even my 82 yr. old mother for her first time to need a dentist. I pray that God will give you comfort.

October 2 at 4:04 PM

PM

Paula Mathis posted:

Dr Gratham stayed up one night making a splint for my daughter, Romy. She was in a lot of pain because of TMJ. I will never forget that kindness. My condolences to his family. Paula Mathis

October 2 at 2:42 PM



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Keith And Kathy Baker posted:

We were sadden to hear the news of Rex's death. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

October 2 at 2:06 PM



Jannie Auld posted:

Dr. Rex Grantham was my dentist for many years, and I have so many fond memories of him joking with me to set me at ease and working with me to make sure this single mom could afford the procedures my kids and I needed. He was a wonderful man, but I know you already know that. My prayers are with his family and close friends.

October 2 at 9:08 AM



Bill Bussey posted:

Great Dentist, classy guy! Perfect gentleman....always!William E Bussey DDS

October 2 at 8:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - All White to the Grantham family.

October 2 at 6:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Grantham family.

October 2 at 5:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful Wishes to the Grantham family.

October 2 at 5:33 AM





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Anonymous sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the Grantham family.

October 2 at 4:18 AM



Ann Erickson Holland lit a candle in honor of Rex.

October 1 at 9:03 AM



Juanita Matthews lit a candle in honor of Rex.

We are so deeply sorry for the loss of Rex. There's not enough words to say what a warm, sweet, funny, loving, & good man he was. All our love to Martha & the family. John & Juanita Matthews

October 1 at 4:11 AM



Judy Grayum Pittman posted:

Rex was a important part of all of my families lives for years, not only was he our Dentist but a close personal friend, along with Martha, Scott, Dana and Stephen. Dr. Rex was a wonderful special man and he will be missed by many. All my thoughts, love and prayers to all of you.

October 1 at 4:09 AM



Susan Berry lit a candle in honor of Rex.

Dr. Rex Grantham became my dentist in 1964 -I was 10 years old and he remained my dentist until his retirement. Through the years, I got to know Martha and his children. Dr. Grantham will always hold a special place in my heart. To the Grantham family, cherish the memories.

October 1 at 2:32 AM





Media

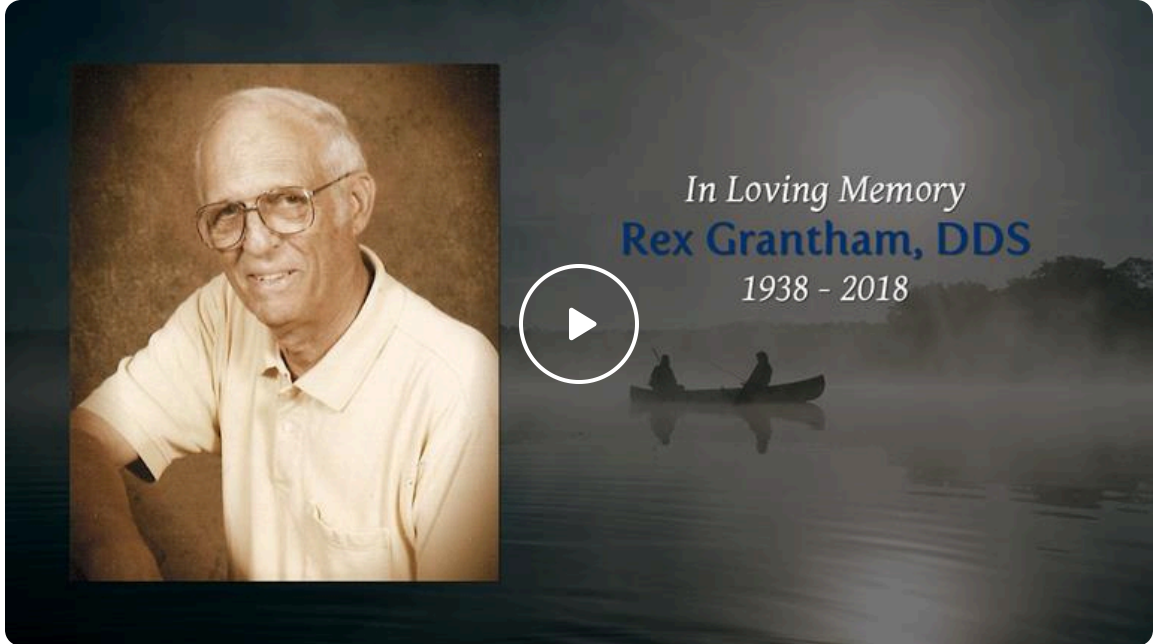
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rex by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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